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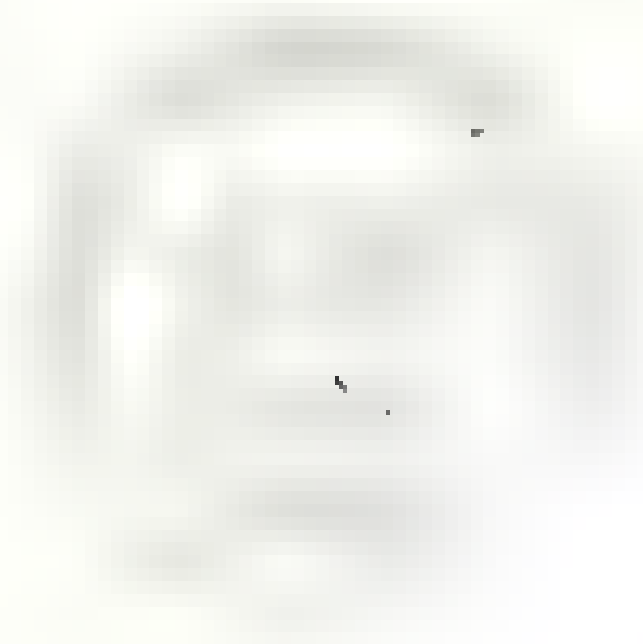

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[illegible] ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARIES

Presented to the Society, December 28, 1904

Membership.—The Society was organized in January 1899, with a membership of 165. At the end of the first year the membership was 207, at the end of the second year 2[illegible], and at the end of the third year [illegible] resident members.

Since the last annual meeting the membership has been increased by the election of 75 new members. It has been decreased by the resignation of 11 members, by the death of 3 members, by the dropping of 11 members by exchange [illegible] elected [illegible], and by the dropping of members for nonpayment of dues [illegible]. The net increase of members has been, and the present membership is 4[illegible], as above stated.

The deceased members were Mr. [illegible], Hon. William Wallace Woodbury, and Mr. A. [illegible] Wilson.

The [illegible] are as follows:

Active
Corresponding
Life

Total [illegible]

Meetings.—The Society has held 25 meetings during the year, of which 14 were for the reading and discussion of papers, 11 were free public lectures, one was a public lecture at which an admission fee was charged, one was a field meeting at Shandaken, Virginia, [illegible] 3 and 4, and [illegible] was the annual business meeting. [illegible] 1[illegible], 1[illegible] were regular and 16 were special meetings.

Board of Managers.—The Board of Managers has held 17 meetings for the transaction of the business of the Society. The average attendance was 9. The largest attendance of the 17 members comprising the board being 13, and the smallest 4.

There is one vacancy on the board, caused by the resignation of Captain Rogers Burnz, Junior, on May 15.

Explorations.—The work of exploration in Alaska begun last year was not made during the present one. Far is for the par-

[illegible]

The expedition was led by Mr. I. C. Russell, geologist, of the United States Geological Survey, who began to lay out on the 8th of May [illegible] United States revenue steamer [illegible] Capt. M. A. Healy, from Yakutat Bay, Alaska, down to Icy Bay. A interesting incident occurred at the very beginning of the exploratory work. While landing at the start at Icy Bay, three men were [illegible] drowned, [illegible] Mr. Russell's party, namely, Messrs. E. F. Atwater, Archibald Nelson and Harry Smith, and Wm. C. Jones, a prospector of Mr. Russell's party.

The survivors were [illegible] but however [illegible] have been, defeat the plans for the summer's work. After landing the party at once proceeded on to difficult way across the broken ice of the Malaspina Glacier toward Mount St. Elias, and established a permanent camp at an elevation of about 5,000 feet. From this permanent camp a [illegible] of about 10 feet to the summit was made, when they were [illegible] back by storms. Stormy weather continued for 12 days, when it was decided [illegible] wise to wait longer in view of the [illegible] of scaling the summit. Relinquishing, therefore, the party returned to Icy Bay, remained a week longer, about three-[illegible] and detern[illegible] of [illegible] Signal Bluff by vertical angles taken from each end of the base line, the resulting height being 1,8[illegible] feet. This work completed, the party proceeded southward and eastward along the [illegible] of Malaspina glacier to Disappointment Bay, sketching and photographing the peculiar plant [illegible] there established. Entering Disappointment Bay and proceeding toward its head, a large and hitherto unknown arm of the sea was found lying east and parallel to the eastern shore of Yakutat Bay.

October 9, the work of the season having been completed, the party was taken on board the United States steamer *Nanuk*, Lieutenant-Commander Washburn Maynard, commanding, transported to Sitka, and thence returned by mail steamer to Port Townsend.

[illegible] of the seasonal explorations are [illegible] important, and will be published [illegible] year in the National Geographic Magazine.

Publications.—During the year volumes [illegible] of the National Geographic Magazine were [illegible] by the publication of numerous articles, [illegible] directly or indirectly [illegible] with the objects, activities, etc., of the [illegible]

The form of publication was changed [illegible] the present year. The new rules adopted [illegible] per [illegible] half-cloth of volume [illegible] of the magazine. The general effect of the changes instituted by these rules is to substitute for a [illegible] stated intervals, a publication of single papers or [illegible] irregular intervals, [illegible] for publication. Under this new [illegible] of publication the pages of volumes [illegible] of the National Geographic Magazine have been published and distributed. The principal part of volume [illegible] so far published consists of Mr. Russell's report on the [illegible] Saint Elias region in Alaska.

Respectfully,

Marcus Baker,

W. A. Ingersoll,

Secretaries.

[illegible] New York Magazine [illegible]

FORTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER

(Presented to the Society December 28, 1901.)

To the President and Members of the National Geographic Society:

I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report, showing receipts and disbursements for the year ending December 31, 1901.

The receipts for dues for 1901 amount to $1,400 [illegible] showing no arrears over the receipts for 1900 of $175.

The assets of the Society are—

Note of M. B. Tha[illegible] gift to secure by way of track	$[illegible]
Cash [illegible]	[illegible]
Dues for 1902 [illegible] paid	[illegible]
	$[illegible]

The liabilities are—

[illegible]	$[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
Outstanding bills, not yet presented [illegible]	[illegible]
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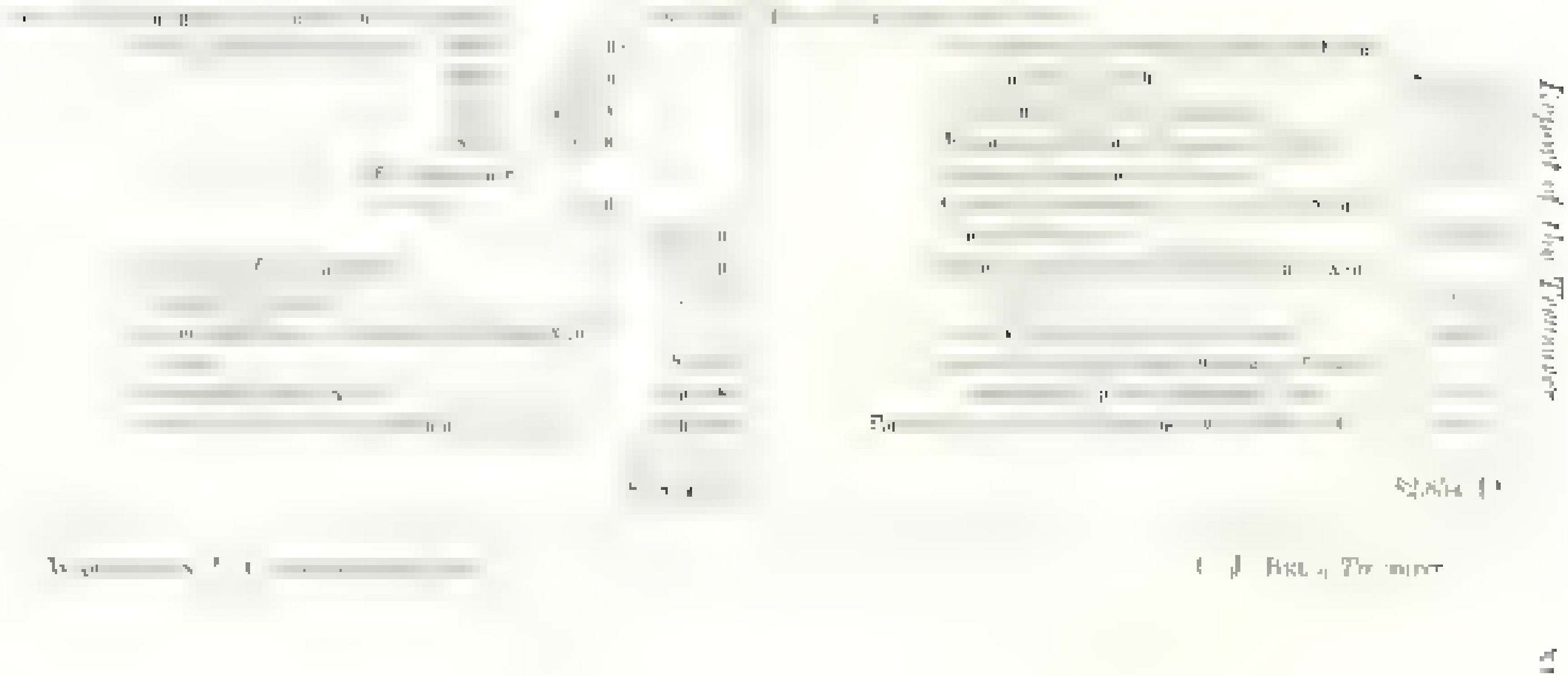
J. HELL,
Treasurer.



Excerpt of the Times

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REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

Presented to the Society January 8, 1892

To the President and Members of the National Geographic Society:

We, the committee appointed at the annual meeting of the Society to audit the accounts of the Treasurer for the year ending December 31, 1891, beg to submit the following report:

The statement of the receipts, consisting of dues from members, receipts from sales, interest on loan and subscriptions to the exploration fund, has been examined and found correct.

The vouchers for expenditures and the receipts in payment thereof have been examined, compared and found correct.

We have examined the bank book showing the account with Messrs. Bell & Co., and found the balance to be $30.99 as reported.

P. H. Christie,
E. E. Haskell,
Middleton Smith,
Committee.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Abstract of Minutes

[illegible] 20, 1902 — *[illegible] meeting.*

Meeting held in the Assembly Hall of the Corcoran Gallery. Mr G. K. Gilbert [illegible] the chair.

A motion to [illegible] was voted that the amendment to the By-laws recommended December 20, 1901, be adopted, viz: In article v, instead of five vice-presidents read "six vice-presidents," and insert at the end of the list of departments of geography, after geology, hydrography, the words "climatology of geography."

The vice-presidents elected [illegible] reports.

Mr Ogden, for the department of the geography of the land, showed the progress made in methods of geodetic work.

Mr Hayden, for the department of geography of the sea, spoke on the subject of "[illegible] marine stations," exhibiting three of the apparatus used in prosecution of these lines.

Professor Greely's report on the geography of the air, was read by title. *[illegible] in this volume, pages 55–[illegible].*

Mr Gannett, for the department of cartographic art, read a paper on "Modern maps of the United States," illustrating his statements by a large map showing diagrammatically the value for mapping purposes of the various surveys in the United States. *[illegible] in this volume, pages [illegible], plate 17.*

January 20, 1902. — *Special meeting.*

Meeting held in the Lecture Hall of Columbian University. Vice-President Hayden in the chair. Attendance, 400.

Professor C. A. Kofoid read a paper on "The Bryant expedition to Grand Falls, Labrador," and at the conclusion showed a number of lantern slides made from photographs taken during the course of the expedition.

February 6, 1902 *Ordinary meeting*

Meeting held in the Assembly Hall of the Colonial Institute. Attendance, [illegible]; in the chair, [illegible].

The following amendment to the Bye-laws was proposed: Article III. last paragraph, omit the words "[illegible] subscriptions for non-resident members," and substitute "[illegible] shall be entitled to the Journal of the Society."

Dr. Wallace read a paper on "A new pack for Alaska," describing a new sample prepared by the Swedish Party, of which he was a member in the expeditions of last year and all strongly recommend it, particularly a large wall map, *[illegible]*

February 12, 1902 *Special meeting*

Meeting held in the Lecture Hall of Columbia University, Washington, in the chair. Attendance, [illegible].

Professor Libbey read a paper on "Prehistoric Central Asia and its relations with the Mediterranean," illustrated by lantern slides, showing views of prehistoric finds, and a variety of maps of the Mediterranean and Central Asia, with the history.

February 14, 1902 *Good Friday*

Meeting held in the Lecture Hall of Columbia University, Washington, in the chair. Attendance, 200.

Mr. Leonard F. Dickerman read a paper on "Art and architecture of the ancient Egyptians," with a large number of photographs of ancient temples and pyramids.

February 28, 1902 *Special meeting*

A special meeting was held at Washington, at 8 to 12 noon, for the purpose of hearing the amendments proposed for mutual improvement. Attendance, 250.

February 28, 1902 *Special meeting*

Meeting held in the Lecture Hall of the National Museum, Washington, D.C.

Mr. Gilbert Thompson read a paper on "Mount Rainier and during the Civil War," and was followed by Mr. Fred Hetherington, who practically demonstrated the manipulating properties of the topographers of the Commonwealth army, showing at the end of the [illegible] original maps of historical value.

March 4, 1902 — *634th meeting*

Meeting held in the Assembly Hall of the Cosmos Club. Vice-President Hayden in the chair. Attendance, [illegible].

By vote of the Society the following amendment to the By-laws was adopted: Article III, last paragraph, strike out the words following "Nominating committee" to read: "The election of members shall be entrusted to the Board of Managers."

The subject of the evening, the "Alaskan Boundary survey," was introduced by Lieut. T. C. Mendenhall, and was followed by Mr. J. Ross E. Motherwell and Mr. J. Lacey Latimer. The papers were illustrated by lantern slides. Remarks were made by Mr. George M. Dawson. [illegible] *pp. 177–[illegible]*

March 11, 1902 — *Special meeting*

Meeting held in the Lecture Hall of the National Museum. Vice-President Hayden in the chair. Attendance, [illegible].

Mr. Joseph Stanley-Brown read a special paper on "The Samoan Islands of Aloga," illustrated by photographs of the islands.

March 18, 1902 — *635th meeting*

Meeting held in the Lecture Hall of the National Museum. Vice-President Hayden in the chair. Attendance, 250.

Mr. G. K. Gilbert read a paper on "Lake Bonneville," illustrated by lantern slides, showing the topography and geology of the area, and two large outlines of Lake Bonneville.

March 25, 1902 — *Special meeting*

Meeting held in the Lecture Hall of the National Museum. Mr. [illegible] in the chair. Attendance, [illegible].

Dr. W. [illegible] gave a sketch of a trip through Greece and Turkey in Asia, in part along the route of the Jerusalem [illegible] and visiting the Holy Sepulchre, illustrated by lantern slides.

April 1, 1902 — *636th meeting*

Meeting held in the Lecture Hall of the National Museum.

Professor Leslie A. Lee, of Hamilton College, gave an illustrated lecture on the "Chinese Color Illumination," in the Hall of Mammals.

April 8, 1892. *Special meeting*

Meeting held in the Lecture Hall of the National Museum. Vice-President Hayden in the chair. Attendance, 275.

Lieutenant L. H. Hubbard, U. S. N., gave a description of a trip through Bolivia, illustrating his topic by lantern slide views taken at various points in the country.

April 15, 1892 *6[illegible] meeting*

Meeting held in the Lecture Hall of the National Museum. Attendance, [illegible].

Mr. W. H. Holmes, of the Bureau of Ethnology, gave an illustrated lecture on the "Cliff Dwellers." At the close of the lecture remarks were made by Major J. W. Powell.

April 22, 1892 *Special meeting*

Meeting held in the Lecture Hall of the National Museum. Vice-President Hayden in the chair. Attendance, [illegible].

Mr. John Murray, F. R. S. E., gave a description of the cruise of the *Challenger* and sounded up some of the results of the investigation of the ocean bottom. The descriptions of the deepest sounding were precisely illustrated by lantern slides.

April 29, 1892. *6[illegible] meeting*

Meeting held in the Assembly Hall of the Columbian University. Vice-President Hayden in the chair. Attendance, [illegible].

Lieutenant S. W. B. Diehl, U. S. N., gave a lecture on "The compensation of the compass on board iron ships," illustrating his remarks by diagrams, and exhibiting a ship's binnacle, together with the various magnets and other apparatus employed.

Professor Cleveland Abbe spoke briefly on terrestrial magnetism.

May 6, 1892 *Special meeting*

Meeting held in the Lecture Hall of the National Museum. Vice-President Hayden in the chair. Attendance [illegible].

Professor John P. Peters delivered a lecture on "Mesopotamia," exhibiting the country and the experiences during his two seasons' work for excavation. A large number of lantern slides were shown.

May 15, 1894. *65th meeting*

Meeting held in the Lecture Hall of the National Museum. Vice-President Hay in the chair. Attendance 30.

Mr Talcott Williams delivered an address on "The gates and straits of Europe," descriptive of the influence of the surface configuration on the development of civilization.

May 26, 1894. *Special meeting*

Meeting held in the Builders' Exchange Hall. President Hubbard in the chair. Attendance, 700.

Mrs M. French-Sheldon gave a description of her journey in Africa, illustrating her remarks with lantern slides made from photographs taken on the trip.

May 27, 1894. *Field meeting*

About 70 members left Washington for Annapolis, where they were received by the secretary of state of Maryland and welcomed on behalf of Governor Brown, who was detained at Baltimore. The house of state, where was first vested, and, after a time, does have its seat. Proceeding then to the Naval Academy, the members were, through the kindness of Captain Reed and Physician and Commander Chester, invited to the cruiser *Philadelphia*, which, with other vessels of the squadron, was moored in the bay. Returning to the ground, the party was conducted to witness dress parade. After supper at Secretary, through the courtesy of the Governor, had a meeting at the House of Delegates, addresses being made by Messrs Gilbert Monroe, Hall, Rau, Allen, Wood, Hay, and the two gentlemen last named giving incidents of the history of the place. Following this was an original poem by Mr Cruikshank. On motion of Reverend Gulbert F. Williams, it was voted "That the thanks of this Society be extended to the governor of the state of Maryland for the courteous tendering of the state house for the meeting of the Society and for the privilege of entrance to every part of this historic building; that our thanks be also extended to the superintendent of the Naval Academy and to Captain C. M. Chester, U. S. N., for giving the Society the opportunity of visiting one of the new cruisers of the navy and also for the special parade at the academy; also to the city authorities of the city of Annapolis for the opportunity of inspecting the fire department, and to

A vote of thanks was given for the interesting narratives of incidents of local history." At the close of the meeting the Society returned to Washington.

November 11, 1902 *70th meeting*

Meeting held in the Assembly Hall of the Cosmos Club. President Hubbard in the chair. Attendance, [illegible]

In the absence of the secretary, Mr Baker was elected Secretary *pro tem.*

The evening was devoted to a consideration of the program of exercises for this season. The president announced the [illegible] thus far drafted, and invited suggestions. It was generally understood that the program should [illegible] lectures, alternating with meetings to [illegible] Club House, or else held in an informal manner and devoted to short papers by members, with discussion.

November 25, 1902 *71st meeting*

Meeting held in the Assembly Hall of the Cosmos Club. Vice-President Greely in the chair. Attendance, 40.

Mr W J McGee gave an address on "Geographic changes produced by earthquakes," considering phenomena observed within the area of the New Madrid earthquake of 1811 to 1813.

December 2, 1902 *Special meeting.*

Meeting held in the Universalist Church. Vice-President Greely in the chair. Attendance, 300.

Miss Annie S. Peck, of Providence, Rhode Island, delivered an illustrated lecture on "Athens, the modern city of Greece."

December 9, 1902. *72d meeting*

Meeting held in the Assembly Hall of the Cosmos Club. Vice-President Greely in the chair. Attendance, 80.

Mr Henry Gannett, consulting geographer of the Eleventh Census, read a paper on "Movement of population in the United States," illustrated by a number of charts. The paper was discussed by Messrs Hayden, Baker, Hubert Thompson, Johnson and Greely. To be printed in full.

December 16, 1902 *Special meeting*

Meeting held in the Farmers' Exchange Hall. Vice-President Greely in the chair. Attendance, [illegible]

Mr Robert Hitchcock read a paper on "China," especial reference being made to a trip from Shanghai to Tokio. The lecture was illustrated by a number of stereopticon views made from photographs taken on the trip, including a number showing the great wall of China.

December 25, 1892 *7th (8th annual) meeting*

Meeting held in the Assembly Hall of the Cosmos Club, President Hubbard in the chair. Attendance, 40.

Professor W. H. Powell, Superintendent of Public Schools, read a paper on "Methods of teaching geography in the schools." The paper was discussed by General Greely and Dr Montendall.

After a recess the 8th annual meeting convened.

The joint report of the Secretaries was presented and adopted.

The annual report of the Treasurer was presented and referred to an auditing committee consisting of Messrs Warren Dunn, Fr[illegible] Wright and Dr Anna Newcomb McGee.

The annual election of officers for the year 1893 was then held, with the following result:

President—Gardiner G. Hubbard.

Vice-Presidents—H. C. Oyster (Lands),
Everett Hayden (sea),
[illegible]
C. Hart Merriam (ethnology),
Henry Gannett (art),
R. N. Batchelder (astronomical geography).

Treasurer—C. J. Bell.

Recording Secretary—F. H. Newell.

Corresponding Secretary—Frank Baldwin Stephens.

Managers—Marcus Baker,
H. F. Blount,
G. K. Gilbert,
[illegible]
[illegible]
W. H. Powell,
Edwin Willits.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARIES

Presented to the Society December 23, 1892

Membership.—The membership of the Society is now 1,651. It is continuing to increase, and, by the cooperation of all interested, it is to be hoped, soon to reach 1,000. The rate of progress is shown by the following figures.

At the end of the first year, 1888, the membership was 200; at the end of 1889 it was 223, an increase of 9 per cent; at the end of 1890 it was 302, an increase during the year of 72 per cent; at the end of 1891 it was 440, an increase of 46 per cent; and at the end of 1892 it is 663, or an increase of 51 per cent.

Classifying the membership, it is found that there are 476 active, 208 corresponding, and 7 life members. Taking the active members alone, the total number at the end of 1890 was 231; at the end of 1891, 333, an increase of 2 only, and at the end of 1892 [illegible] corresponding members have matched increasing from 57 in 1890 to 92 in 1891 and to 208 in 1892, a gain in the last year of over 125 per cent.

It may be well to note at this point that the corresponding members, being non-resident, are not able to take advantage directly of the meetings of the Society, and that their interest in the organization is sustained almost wholly by the publications. Consequently, it is to be remembered, of late years, therefore, must necessitate greater attention to the special wants of readers of geographic literature.

During the year 63 new members have been elected, 23 members have resigned, [illegible] have lapsed for non-payment of dues. The total number of members has been [illegible] and they represent total membership of 663 as stated above. The deceased members were: E. J. Pond, January 23, 1892; Prof. H. Gannett, March 14, 1892; Professor John Coleman, October 16, 1892; Lieutenant Frederick Schwatka, November 12, 1892; and Samuel Upham, November 4, 1892.

Meetings.—There have been 18 meetings or assemblages of the members of the Society. Of these 14 were regular meetings and 4

[illegible] The Latter [illegible] at Wormley's hotel on February 24, a field meeting at Annapolis, Maryland, on May 27, and a social lawn party at Twin Oaks, where by invitation of the President of [illegible] members and guests were hospitably entertained.

One of the regular meetings was for the election of officers and transaction of business. The remaining 20 meetings, regular and special, were devoted mainly to lectures or reading of papers, and the average attendance was [illegible]. On [illegible] evenings the lectures or papers were illustrated by the stereopticon, and on these nights the attendance averaged [illegible]. When lantern slides were not used the average attendance was less or less than half [illegible]. There has been no regularity as regard to place of meeting. The hall of the Academy of Sciences has been used [illegible] times, there being [illegible] 50 people present, one hall of Academy of Sciences [illegible] times, averaging 225 persons; the National Museum [illegible] times, averaging 200 persons; and other halls or churches 4 times, averaging [illegible] persons.

The subjects under discussion by the various speakers have been widely diverse and have included nearly every quarter of the globe. Greatest attention has been given to northern [illegible]. Even [illegible] being devoted to Alaska, Greenland, Iceland, Labrador, etc.

Managers.—The Board of Managers have held [illegible] meetings for [illegible] of the Society. [illegible] of these 15 were regular. The highest attendance of the 17 members [illegible] and the average was [illegible].

No explorations have been undertaken, but the efforts of the managers have been directed toward strengthening the Society in every way.

A change in the By-laws was adopted March 4, 1896, by which the election of new members was greatly facilitated, being left more entirely in the hands of the Board of Managers. A new office, that of Vice-President of [illegible], was created at the opening of the year, but has yet remained vacant.

Publications.—During the year six monthlies have been published, one of these forming the last number of volume [illegible] and the [illegible] of volume [illegible].

H. W. HENSHAW,
ELIZA R. SCIDMORE,

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER

(Presented to the Society December 27, 1913)

To the President and Members of the National Geographic Society:

I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report, showing receipts and disbursements for the year ending December 31, 1912.

The receipts for dues for 1912 amounted to $2,150, an increase over the receipts for 1911 of $[illegible].

The assets of the society are:

Amount invested in American Security and Trust Company 4% gold bonds	$[illegible]
Cash with Bell & Company	"
Due from [illegible]	" [illegible]
	$[illegible]

The liabilities are:

Notes and bills payable	$[illegible]

The cash on hand includes $[illegible] dues for one life membership which should be reserved and invested in accordance with instructions received from the Board of Managers.

Very respectfully,

C. J. BELL,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

(Presented to the Society January 6, 1899)

To the President and Members of the National Geographic Society:

We, your committee appointed at the annual meeting of the Society to audit the accounts of the Treasurer for the year ending December 31, 1898, beg to submit the following report:

The Treasurer's statement of the receipts on account of dues from members, interest on investments and sale of publications has been examined and we find it to be correct as shown by the books of his office.

The vouchers for expenditures and checks in payment therefor have been examined, compared, and found correct.

We have also examined the pass book, showing the account with Messrs. Riggs National Bank and find the cash balance to be two hundred and five and thirty-seven hundredths dollars ($205.37), as stated.

The three bonds for $100 each, registered in the name of the Society, were submitted to us for inspection.

ISAAC WINSLOW,
D. A. WATERWORTH,
ANTA NEWCOMB MEADE, M.D.
Committee.